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TO: All Interested Parties

BACKGROUND MATERIAL FOR THE AIR RESOURCES BOARD STAFF'S WORKSHOP ON POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO THE ZERO EMISSION VEHICLE REGULATIONS

A public workshop to discuss possible amendments to the Air Resources Board's Zero Emission Vehicle program is scheduled for December 5 - 6, 2002 in Sacramento, California. The purpose of this correspondence is to let you know that the background and discussion materials for the workshop are now available and can be viewed online at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/zevprog/2003rule/2003rule.htm>. To receive a hard copy of the material, please contact Tom Evashenk at tevashen@arb.ca.gov or by calling (916) 445-8811.

ARB staff is developing amendments designed to address issues raised by industry litigation, and to take into account current conditions and trends in zero and near-zero emissions technology development. The broad topics under consideration include removal of all references to fuel economy, modification of the 15 year-150,000 mile PZEV warranty required for hybrid electric vehicles, and modification of the compliance requirements and options in response to the current state of ZEV technology.

If you have any questions regarding the workshop or discussion materials, please contact Mr. Evashenk at the number above, or Chuck Shulock at (916) 322-6964.

Sincerely,

/s/

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The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our Website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.

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